

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Zhibo Zhang Serial No.: 10/677,350 Group Art Unit: 2811 Confirmation No.: 9811

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For: VERTICAL FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTORS INCLUDING CONFORMAL

MONOCRYSTALLINE SILICON LAYER ON TRENCH SIDEWALL

January 21, 2004

Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examination of the present application.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.